such regulations, not being inconsistent with the aforesaid Regulations made by the Governor General in Council, as the Senate may pass for this purpose.

[a] *Explanation.*—A person is not "resident" within the meaning of this rule unless he has a place of residence in the locality concerned and such practical connection with that locality as qualifies him to represent the inhabitants thereof.

If at any time the question is raised whether a person proposed for elections is "resident" within the meaning of this rule, the question shall be referred to and decided by the Local Government, whose decision shall be final.

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## RULES FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND FOR ASKING QUESTIONS IN THE BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

*Notn. No. 14, Legislative, dated 7th February 1893, B. G. G., 1893, Pt. I, p. 76.*

The following rules, which have been made by the Governor of Bombay in Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 2 of the Indian Councils Act, 1892, and which have received the sanction of the Governor General in Council as required by that Section, are now published for general information :—

### *I.—Preliminary.*

1. In these Rules—

"Council" means the Council of the Governor of Bombay for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations.

"President" means the Governor of Bombay, or, in his absence, the Senior Civil Ordinary Member of Council present.

"Member" means a Member of the Council, whether Ordinary or Additional.

### *II.—Rules for the discussion of the Financial Statement in the Council of the Governor.*

2. The Financial Statement of the Government of Bombay shall be explained in Council every year, and a printed copy given to each Member.

3. After the explanation has been made each Member shall be at liberty to offer any observations he may wish to make on the Statement.

4. The Member who explained the Statement shall have the right of reply, and the discussion shall be closed by the President making such observations, if any, as he may consider necessary.

5. The discussion will be limited to those branches of Revenue and Expenditure which are under the control of the Local Government; and it will not be permissible to enter upon a criticism of Imperial Finance.

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[a] This explanation was added by Govt. Notn. No. 370, Legislative, 15th October 1901, *B. G. G.*, 1901, Pt. I, p. 2040.

*III.—Rules for asking questions.*

6. No question shall be asked or answered in the Council of the Governor at a meeting of the Council for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations, as to any matters or branches of the Administration other than those under the control of the Governor in Council; and, in matters which are or have been the subject of controversy between the Governor General in Council or the Secretary of State and the Local Government, no question shall be asked except as to matters of fact, and the answer shall be confined to a statement of facts.

7. Except as provided above, any question may be asked by any Member, subject to the following conditions and restrictions.

8. A Member who wishes to ask a question shall give at least six clear days' notice in writing to the Secretary of the Council, submitting in full the question which he wishes to ask.

9. Questions must be so framed as to be merely requests for information, and must not be in an argumentative or hypothetical form or defamatory of any person or section of the community.

10. The President may disallow any question without giving any reason therefor other than that in his opinion it cannot be answered consistently with the public interests, and in such case the question shall not be entered in the Proceedings of the Council.

11. The President may, if he thinks fit, allow a question to be asked with shorter notice than six days; and may in any case require longer notice if he thinks fit, or extend, if necessary, the time for answering a question.

12. When the President has permitted the question to be asked, it shall be entered in the Notice Paper for the day, and questions shall be put, in the order in which they stand in the Notice Paper, before any other business is entered upon at the meeting.

13. A question shall be read by the Member by whom it was framed, or in his absence, if he so desires, by some other Member in his behalf, and the answer shall be given either by the President or some other Member whom he may designate for the purpose.

14. The President may rule, at his discretion, that an answer to a question on the Notice Paper, even though the question be not put, shall be given on the ground of public interest.

15. No discussion shall be permitted in respect of an answer given to a question asked under these rules.

16. The question asked and the answer given to it shall be entered in the Proceedings of the Council.